



TBS RECORDING STUDIO

Many of you may not realize that we have had our own recording studio for creating talking books for over 20 years. Originally we were set up to make the old style cassette books but when the National Library Service introduced the digital cartridge, we began making digital recordings.

The National Library Service records most of the books you listen to but their priority is to meet the demands of the whole nation, concentrating on mainstream books and authors. There are many South Carolina writers who have not made the big time yet, but are well worth reading. We have a strict criteria we follow for selecting books to record, so keep that in mind if you know of a book you would like for us to record. Remember, we cannot record everything requested. We also record two magazines. We rely on volunteers to do the reading for us and our own Ron Whitten oversees this program and makes sure each recording is of the highest quality.

The equipment at our booth was old and outdated as was the software we used. In August, all that changed when we were able to upgrade our studio. We purchased new, state of the art recording software, new equipment, and had the booth inspected. We are now operating at 100% and setting an example for other TBS libraries.



UPDATE: FREE CURRENCY READER

The pilot program for the distribution of the free currency readers has ended and the full program has begun. The Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP) has now taken full responsibility for distributing the iBill devices to all eligible U. S. residents. The eligibility requirements apply to blind and visually impaired citizens and legal residents of the United States, including territories, insular possessions, the District of Columbia, and American citizens living abroad. For this purpose, such individuals must meet the following criteria:

- Visual acuity, as determined by competent authority, is 20/200 or less in the better eye with correcting lenses, or their widest diameter of visual field subtends angular distance not greater than 20 degrees; or
- The visual disability, with correction and regardless of optical measurement, is certified by competent authority as preventing the reading of regular printed material.

NOTE: Reading or physical disabilities are not qualifying conditions for the iBill.

To obtain a free currency reader, eligible persons must now complete the BEP application form. Current TBS patrons who have not already requested one prior to December 31, 2014, may call us at 1-800-922-7818 and we will complete it for you. If you are not sure if you requested the reader prior to the end of the year, we can check your name against the list of those who already have.

Please remember that these readers are not being supplied by us or the National Library Service; they are provided by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. Therefore any problems or concerns about the readers should be addressed directly to them at 1-844-815-9388. Also remember that there is only ONE reader available per person.

The EyeNote™ App

What is EyeNote™

EyeNote™ is a free mobile device application to identify denominations of Federal Reserve Notes (U.S. paper currency) as an aid for the blind or visually impaired.

EyeNote™ runs on: iPhone® 3G and 4G, 4 th Generation iPod® Touch, and iPad®2 .

Features:

- OneTouch, hand-held operation.
- Spoken mode also indicates the front or back of note to assist in vending use.
- Simplified on screen instructions (read aloud when device is set to VoiceOver in Accessibility mode)

There is a privacy mode when discretion is needed. iPhones use vibrations and iPod Touch and iPad 2 use audible tones.

- One Dollar is 1 pulse.
- Two Dollars is 2 pulses.
- Five Dollars is 3 pulses.
- Ten Dollars is 4 pulses.
- Twenty Dollars is 5 pulses.
- Fifty Dollars is 6 pulses.
- One Hundred Dollars is 7 pulses
- Error, reposition is 8 rapid pulses.

EyeNote™ is available as a free download from the Apple App Store.

More information is available at www.eyenote.gov or by email at eyenote@bep.gov.

New in Large Print

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| LP 21979 | Bones Never Lie by Kathy Reichs (mystery) |
| LP 21981 | Across the Cheyenne River by John D. Nesbitt (western) |
| LP 21998 | Killing Patton by Bill O'Reilly (biography/history) |
| LP 22000 | Gray Mountain by John Grisham (mystery) |
| LP 22006 | The Perfect Witness by Iris Johansen (mystery) |
| LP 22008 | Paris Match: a Stone Barrington Novel by Stuart Woods (mystery) |
| LP 22010 | The Nightingale Before Christmas by Donna Andrews (mystery) |
| LP 22014 | Winter Street by Elin Hilderbrand (family saga) |
| LP 22015 | Mr. Miracle: a Christmas Novel by Debbie Macomber (romance) |
| LP 22016 | Autumn Winds: Seasons of the Heart by Charlotte Hubbard (Christian romance) |
| LP 22017 | Flesh and Blood: a Scarpetta Novel by Patricia Cornwell (mystery) |
| LP 22018 | No Hero: the Evolution of a Navy Seal by Mark Owen (biography) |
| LP 22019 | Revival by Stephen King (horror) |
| LP 22021 | Havana Storm by Clive Cussler (action/adventure) |
| LP 22023 | Leaving Time by Judy Picoult (fiction bestseller) |

- LP 22024 **Change of Heart by Jude Deveraux (romance)**
- LP 22025 **Magnolia Drive by Rochelle Alers (romance)**
- LP 22026 **Debbie Doesn't Do It Anymore by Walter Mosley
(African-American fiction)**
- LP 22027 **The Cottage on the Corner by Shirlee McCoy (romance)**
- LP 22029 **Luke Jensen, Bounty Hunter: Bloody Sunday by
William Johnstone (western)**
- LP 22038 **Wyoming Strong by Diana Palmer (romance)**

To receive an up-to-date bibliography of the large print books in our collection, please call the library at 1-800-922-7818 or 803-734-4611.

DESCRIPTIVE DVDs

Talking Books offers a selection of Descriptive DVDs for its blind and visually impaired patrons. On a special audio track on the film, a narrator describes action, characters, locations, costumes and sets without interfering with the dialogue or sound effects.

To have a list of the current available titles sent to you call us at

1-800-922-7818

or email us at tbsbooks@statelibrary.sc.gov.

You can download a list from our website at:

<http://www.statelibrary.sc.gov/descriptive-videos>



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South Carolina
Talking Book
Services

**The South Carolina State Library
Talking Book Services
Presents**

Celebrate Art! 2015

Talking Book Services invites all visually impaired and blind students in South Carolina to create a work of art to be entered into the Celebrate Art! Competition and Exhibition.

Divisions:

Ages 6—10

Ages 11—15

Ages 16 and up

Judges will choose a winner in each division. Winners will receive an award.

State Librarian Award: Grand Prize

The State Library Director will select one piece of art from those entered in the State Librarian Award category to receive the State Librarian Award. The selected art will become a permanent part of the South Carolina State Library's Student Art Gallery.

*All art work must be at the S. C. State Library no later than **April 3** (Please contact us if assistance is required in getting artwork to the State Library)*

Reception and award ceremony will be held on May 7 at the South Carolina State Library.

Invitations will be sent out to participants with details.

All artwork will be displayed in the TBS gallery for one year. At the end of the year, all art will be returned to the schools the students attended at the time of the competition.



A program with qualified individuals with both vision and hearing loss.

The goal of the National Deaf-Blind Equipment Distribution Program (NDBEDP) is to ensure that every person with combined hearing and vision loss has access to modern telecommunication tools and the training necessary to use them, granting every individual the opportunity to interact with the world as an involved, contributing member of society. The program — promoted by iCanConnect — provides outreach, assessments, telecommunications technology and training free of charge to those who meet federal eligibility guidelines. For more information about the NDBEDP, including the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) consumer guide and eligibility rules, visit www.fcc.gov/NDBEDP.

For information on eligibility, or to file an informal complaint with the FCC, visit: <http://www.fcc.gov/guides/national-deaf-blind-equipment-distribution-program>

In South Carolina this program is administered by the Vision Institute of South Carolina. They can be contacted at:

The Vision Institute of South Carolina, Inc.

P.O. Box 1923, Irmo, SC 29063

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DONATIONS

In 2014, we received \$15,780 in donations as memorials or outright gifts. This is an amazing sum. The money is used to enhance the services we provide in a variety of ways. We appreciate the generosity of those that give and we miss those patrons who have been honored with memorials. Remember that all donations are considered a charitable donation and therefore tax deductible. When making a donation, please include the address of those to be notified for memorials or donations in honor of a special occasion or person.

The donations are used to help us better serve our consumers. In 2014 we added 348 new Large Print books. We purchased 60 new descriptive videos. We celebrated the work of our volunteers with a special luncheon. We had a lovely reception for all our student art gallery participants.

Donations can be sent to Talking Book Services, S.C. State Library, P.O. Box 821, Columbia, SC 29202. **Donations are used to enhance and improve library services.** Make checks payable to SCSL, Talking Book Services.



**We would like to thank the following people for their
generous donations:**

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WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT US!

Many of our patrons or their families write us lovely notes thanking us for the service. Below are just a few of the comments we receive.

“I am writing for my 93 year old mother. She has been receiving your talking books and is so happy. She has something to look forward to now after loving to read but is unable to because of her eye sight.”

“Thank you for the enjoyment of books you provide my daughter.”

“I can’t thank all of you for giving me something to hold on to in my hour of need. I was diagnosed with severe cataracts in both eyes.”

“Thank you for being so faithful to my mother-in-law with the talking books. What would she do without them I don’t know! She reads them twice sometimes. Thank you so much for your wonderful program and service. She looks forward to her books as well as we enjoy her enthusiasm for them. You have a wonderful service!”

WHERE IS MY DIGITAL TALKING BOOK TOPICS?!?

If you receive other magazines besides Talking Book Topics (TBT) on digital, please be sure to check your latest magazine cartridge for TBT. NLS combines more than one magazine on a cartridge and the TBT is frequently included with other magazines. So before you panic, check your magazine cartridge. It always tells you at the start of the cartridge what is included.

USING THE BOOKSHELF FEATURE

**To read cartridges with multiple books or magazines
Go to bookshelf mode**

- ♦ Insert cartridge in player.
- ♦ Press and hold "Play/Stop" until you hear it say "BOOKSHELF".
- ♦ Press REWIND OR FASTFORWARD to select book.
- ♦ Then press play again to listen.



MY BATTERY DIED!!!

When listening to your digital machine at home, keep it plugged in. This will help preserve the battery life.

Also, when recharging, make sure it has fully recharged before unplugging it.



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